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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. HILL, et al.
Application No.: 09/342,707
Filed: June 29, 1999
For: METHOD OF FABRICATING BRASS GRATINGS USING
A SILICA PHASE GRATING MASK AND MASK USED
BY SAME
Art Unit: 2874
Examiner: B. Healy

RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE

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Sir:

In response to the Ex parte Quayle Office Action mailed July 1, 2003, the period for response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration for the reasons set forth below.

Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-29 and 43-54 in this case.

In the Office Action, it is noted that the original letters patent, or a statement of loss or inaccessibility thereof, must be received before the reissue application can be allowed. Accordingly, Applicants are enclosing herewith the original letters patent for USP 5,367,588 in order to complete all requirements for this reissue application. Accordingly, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No.), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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